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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

Subj: Polygraph Interviews of Persons Assigned to
National Photographic Interpretation Center (U)

Ref: (a) DepDir CIA memo of 23 Jan 1962, same subj

1. Reference (a) requested consideration of a proposal that naval personnel assigned to the joint CIA-Navy effort at the NPIC receive a polygraph interview as part of their security clearance processing.
2. Naval personnel assigned to this joint effort are given a thorough background investigation. It has long been the position of Naval Intelligence that such an investigation normally provides sufficient information on which to base a security clearance decision regardless of the sensitivity of the information for which clearance is being sought. Recourse is had to the polygraph only when some elements of the investigation cannot be handled routinely (e.g., to cover a period of an individual's life for which no direct or trustworthy sources can be found) or when a specific allegation or suspicion has arisen and the polygraph is thought to be a useful aid in resolving such a specific question. Where no such requirements arise, use of the polygraph is not considered warranted and, except in such circumstances, this office does not propose to utilize the polygraph in screening personnel under Navy security clearance responsibility.

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